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# CANYON CLOSURE

By Shanie Howard  
NEWS SENIOR WRITER

The Utah Department of Transportation has closed Logan Canyon because of an avalanche this afternoon.

“We have had one or two small avalanches every winter but nothing like this,” said UDOT spokesman Vic Saunders.

According to UDOT, Logan Canyon has never in known record had an avalanche of this scale.

“This area has never had an avalanche this big before,” Saunders said. “We don’t know if any more like this will happen in the valley.”

UDOT is still unsure if anyone was injured in the avalanche because of poor cell phone and radio service in the canyon. Alan Anderson, the Utah State University executive director of dining services, was driving through the canyon this morning and reported that some truck drivers were forced to stop along the canyon road due to poor road conditions.

“I was driving through the the canyon this morning and there were a lot of diesel trucks pulled off on the side of the road,” Anderson said.

Saunders predicts the canyon will be open again tomorrow night at the earliest.

“The avalanche crew will blast it tonight to get the rest of the snow off the mountain then they’ll clean it up,” Saunders said.

Before clearing the snow from the road, avalanche crews use explosives to clear unstable snow in order to prevent further avalanches.

Until the snow is cleared, UDOT advises driv-



PHOTO BY Abby Shemkunas  
Extreme weather caused the Utah Department of Transportation to shut down Logan Canyon Wednesday. Reports claim the poor road conditions forced diesel trucks to the side of the road.

ers to use State Road 30, State Road 16, and Interstate 84 at Evanston, Wyoming to travel to and from the area east of the avalanche.

Traffic is currently backed up on these roads, but expected to clear by tomorrow morning.

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# USU AVIATION SOARS TO NATIONALS

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Utah State University’s Aviation Team is going to the National Safecon competition for the first time ever on May 9.

From a ragtag bunch of guys to a professional and focused team, the USU Aviation Team has come a long way since the team was first formed.

“We’ve improved light-years from when this team first started in the 90s,” said Bryce Lebaron, the Aviation Team captain.

At Safecon the team will participate in the ground and flight categories for the competition. Each category has several different events. Whichever team gains the most points during the events will win the category.

During the regional competition USU came in second to the Air Force Academy in Colora-

do Springs in the ground category and came in third behind Westminster and the Air Force Academy in the flight category.

The flight team’s training captain, Sterling Hatch, believes the Air Force Academy will be their toughest competition at the national competition as well.

“At nationals we want to place higher than Air Force,” Hatch said.

Hatch plans to focus on ground training un-

til spring break then start training for their flight competition.

“Right now we are focusing on ground events until spring break,” Hatch said. “Once spring break comes we’ll start scheduling time in our 152.”

The team’s advisor, Andreas “Baron” Wesemann, believes the 152 plane will give the team an edge in the competition.

“The 152 has higher wings so it allows you to see the whole time when you are taking the turn,” Wesemann said.

Utah State’s small team, though, will give them a disadvantage in the competition. While the Air Force Academy is expected to have 28 members on their team, USU will only have 16 at the most. But Wesemann believes quality will beat quantity in this competition.

“This is the top 10 percent of the aviation program,” he said. ““We can do this if we train properly.”

Hatch believes the Aviation Team will have no problem with their training.

“Being able to see the changes we’ve made and practicing more and everyone taking it more seriously has made us excited to compete.”

For eight of the team members, the national competition will be the last competition they will compete in at USU.

“Half of our team will graduate this year,” Lebaron said. “You get to know your teammates and form a bond that far surpasses schoolmates.”

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PHOTO COURTESY OF Tyson Daun  
Two Aviation Team planes practice taking off in Logan, Utah.



# SLIPPERY SLOPE

Multiple accidents on 1000 N Wednesday due to hazardous road conditions

By Alison Berg  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two car accidents occurred Wednesday around 5:30 p.m. on 1000 N in Logan. A total of five cars were involved, including a Utah State University police car.

The accidents began with a driver headed west on 1000 N after picking up her boyfriend from Utah State University’s campus. She felt her car slipping and opted to turn into a snow-

bank rather than lose control and continue sliding down the hill.

However, when she turned toward the snow-bank she hit a car pulled over on the side of the road parallel to Maverik Stadium.

“The roads were too slick — I just chose the wrong time to start driving,” said the driver, who asked not to be identified by name. “I thought it was going to slide into traffic and hit another car, but instead it rolled into a snow-bank.”



PHOTO BY Tim Carpenter  
USU Police clean up debris from a car accident on 1000 N Wednesday night.



PHOTO BY Tim Carpenter  
A damaged car awaits assistance after a multi-car accident on 1000 N in Logan.

The woman said police instructed her boyfriend to move the car by putting it into neutral.

As he was doing this, another car began sliding down 1000 N and ran into her vehicle. Her boyfriend immediately got out to protect himself from being injured.

In a separate incident, a USU police department vehicle was parked blocking traffic on 1000 N when a truck slid down the hill and hit

the police car.

Both the driver of the truck and USU police declined to comment on the accident. However, police advised everyone to drive safely through the snow.

For more information, the USU police department can be contacted at 435-797-1939.

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## Snowfall causes further damage to collapsed greenhouse

By Jackson Wilde  
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Weather damage to a Utah State University greenhouse over the winter break may be slightly greater than anticipated.

On Dec. 27, Utah State principal lecturer Craig Aston found one of the greenhouses had collapsed under the weight of the weekend’s snowstorm. Aston said many of the plants housed in the greenhouse were off to one side and avoided being smashed. But by the time students and faculty returned after winter break, the several more inches of snow had accumulated atop the already-compromised greenhouse.

“It was crushed all the way to the ground,” Aston said.

The further damage to the greenhouse, Aston said, may have caused more harm to the plants than initially expected.

“Some of those plants have been really compressed,” Aston said. “I think some of them will be broken right off.”

Utah State plants, soils and climate professor Larry Rupp said the potentially damaged plants were being grown for the Center for Water Efficient Landscaping. The trees and shrubs were intended for research in low-water landscapes.

While it’s difficult for Rupp to put a price tag on the damaged plants, Aston said materials for repairing the greenhouse — mainly steel

hoops and UV-enhanced polyethylene film — will cost around \$5,000. All of the labor for the repair will come from Utah State students and facility, cutting out the cost for a contractor.

Several factors contributed to the collapse of the greenhouse. Aston said the greenhouse was a “cold frame” and didn’t have the heat to melt off the accumulating snow. Secondly, the greenhouse’s fan malfunctioned and couldn’t provide the much-needed insulation between the layers of polyethylene film.

But the largest problem is “mostly structural,” Aston said. Quonset-style greenhouses are “notorious” for their inability to handle high winds and weighty snow. For instance, Northwest Transplants nursery lost 68 Quonset-style greenhouses after a snowstorm in Dec. 2008. The Oregonian, family-owned outfit accumulated nearly \$150,000 in damages.

Because of stories like these, Aston said an eye is kept on greenhouses to prevent one from buckling. But despite the risks, cost efficiency makes Quonset-style greenhouses the most feasible option.

“Those Quonsets probably cost one tenth of a rigid A-frame structure,” Aston said.

All the Quonset-style greenhouses have been built by Utah State students but Aston said reconstruction is new territory for him and his students — something Aston and Rupp view as a silver lining in a black cloud.

Aston said he wished he and his students



PHOTO BY Ethan Babcock  
Rigid A-frame greenhouses are able to withstand harsher winter conditions than Quonset-style greenhouses, which are more likely to collapse under pressure from increasing snow.

could build a greenhouse every spring and the greenhouse repair will provide valuable, hands-on experience to his students.

“We’re shooting to get it done about the third week of February,” Aston said about the

tentative completion date. “I don’t know if that’s realistic.”

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## Judge tosses lawsuit against attorneys for polygamous group

By Lindsay Whitehurst  
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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge threw out a lawsuit Wednesday against polygamous leader Warren Jeffs that claimed the sect’s longtime Utah law firm created a veneer that helped perpetuate abuses such as child labor and underage marriage.

U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart decided that lawyers who represented leaders of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints were not responsible for alleged misdeeds by the secretive group based on the Utah-Arizona border.

He also said many of the claims were too old to be decided in court, ruling that the sect’s representation by law firm Snow, Chris-

tensen and Martineau was common knowledge, even for members who said they were forbidden from contact with the outside world.

A lawyer for more than 20 former members of the group, Brett Godfrey, said he’s looking over the order and weighing an appeal.

The former members claimed that the well-known Salt Lake City law firm burnished the sect’s credentials as a maligned religious group as cover for crimes such as Jeffs’ increasing use of underage marriage.

Ex-members said attorneys paid with money earned from child labor had helped Jeffs devise legal strategies for tightening his control over the group after he took over leadership from his father in the late 1990s.

Jeffs used that power to marry and sexually assault underage girls as well as arrange oth-

er underage marriages, the lawsuit said. He now is serving a life sentence in Texas after being convicted of sexually assaulting girls he considered wives.

The law firm has denied the allegations as “utterly nonsensical,” saying lawyers were simply doing their jobs and can’t be held responsible for anything Jeffs did.

It strongly denied involvement with anything illegal and condemned the wrongdoing that the plaintiffs say they suffered under Jeffs, including being forced into marriage and separated from their families.

Snow, Christensen and Martineau no longer represents Jeffs or the polygamous group, but Wednesday’s ruling shows their dealings were always ethical, said the firm’s lawyer, Brent Hatch.

Jeffs no longer has a lawyer, and the group

does not have a phone number to contact for comment.

The lawsuit came as the federal government waged fights on multiple fronts to rein in the group with court cases in both Utah and Arizona.

Jurors in Phoenix have found that the polygamous community violated the rights of nonbelievers by denying them basic services such as police protection, and a judge in Utah found that children in the group were forced to work long hours, sometimes with little food, at a pecan farm in 2012.

Several members of the group also have agreed to plea deals in a multimillion-dollar food-stamp fraud scheme. Lyle Jeffs, a leader of the group and Warren Jeffs’ brother, is on the run after escaping home confinement ordered in that case.



# TIPS FOR TIPPING

By Richard Poll  
STUDENT LIFE CONTENT MANAGER

In these days of now 2017, confusion is rampant. But there isn't anything much more confusing than when to leave a little bit of extra cash and for whom to leave it. For us "privileged millennials," or "poor, starving college students" if you prefer, this has become a more serious question.

Overall your general rule should come down to how much good karma you want.

"Tipping doesn't say as much about the server as it says about you," said David Ramsey, radio financial guru. "Have you ever carried one of those trays? No? Then shut up."

Harsh, but true. A lot of different types of people work their lives away to make our lives better. General rule number two — if you can't afford the tip, you can't afford the meal/service.

Some of us or our peers may be working the tables for tips to pay tuition, we all should know they work off tips. But how much? And what about fast food places, the lady who does your hair or your Netflix-and-chill buddy? Here's some tips on how to tip.

Tip One: don't tip your Netflix-and-chill buddy, that's illegal.

## Food Service

Normally fast food places are a safe place to not tip. Some will have tip jars, but don't feel obligated unless they have cool comparisons. It's like a Twitter poll that matters. If you don't like the current minimum wage, tipping is a great way to help. As an added bonus, sometimes if you tip they'll sing their appreciation.

Restaurants hold to the standard 15 percent of your check, you decide if you want to include tax or not. This standard should be your baseline, good service may increase your tip. Buf-



GRAPHIC BY Emmalee Olsen

fets are still restaurants. Even if the server doesn't bring your food to you, they do clean up during and afterwards. Often a table at a buffet is more work to clean than a normal restaurant.

"I think it's understood that 15 percent is the minimum but 20 is the 'impress your date by being a charitable tipper' minimum," said Logan Jones, the sports content manager for the Utah Statesman.

Hosts, bussers, cooks and etc are normally covered by higher wages or split tips from the wait staff. It's never inappropriate to ask if you're wondering who to tip.

Delivery drivers are a 10 percent minimum, but 15-20 percent for a difficult delivery.

## Daily Services

If you're not starving enough to go get a massage, 15-20 percent again holds true. This stays the same even if you go on a regular basis.

Your barber or hairdresser also deserves 15-20 percent. If you get your hair washed at the salon or barbershop, a \$2 tip is appropriate for the person who shampoos your hair, but there is no need to combine these tips if your hairdresser cuts and washes your hair.

Anyone who touches and makes your feet look better should be given a 15 percent tip. Even if you think the lady doing your nails or your pedicure is talking about your stinky feet behind your back, tip her 15 percent.

## Other services

These next few services you may only run into on your spring break trips, so as you plan now plan to tip these people.

Hotel maids should be left a bit of money every day as the maid who cleans your room on Tuesday and Wednesday may not be there when you check out Thursday. \$2-5 is the appropriate nightly rate for maid service. Even if you put the "do not disturb" sign out for three days until you leave, you should leave enough to cover every night you were there. Leave more if you trashed the room.

Going swanky for your next vacation? Anyone who handles your baggage (i.e. bellhops, SkyCap, cabby or hotel doormen) should be paid a \$2 minimum, and an extra dollar for every additional bag.

Washroom (bathroom for those who don't speak Canadian) attendants should be given about a dollar at least. Remember, they keep the bathroom not smelling like one.

Cruise lines all have their own policies on tipping, however, all-inclusive does not exclude you from tipping. Check the cruise line's website before you leave to make sure you have enough cash on hand for room service and the one or two people who will make monkeys and

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# SNOWPOCALYPSE

## A student submission by Joshua Hortin

I fear that, as we re-embark on a new semester with what precious little extra energy we saved up over break, I may have some apologizing to do.

You see, I think I must have called down our current snowpocalypse.

Of course, some may point out that I had stiff competition from all the skiers and Mormons out there praying for moisture. True, I say, but I'll let you be the final judge.

Most people might not believe this, but Snowpocalypse 2k17 actually began Dec 25, 2016 with a double Christmas miracle — a fresh foot of snow had fallen and church was cancelled. Sure, there was a driveway to shovel, but who wouldn't take that deal?

Three days later I found myself helping a co-worker to sample groundwater for arsenic contamination. Lacking snow boots after two mild winters, as I do, and knowing that we would have to forge our own trail through the foot-deep snow, I suited up in all my ski gear, including ski boots.

I'm happy to report that the ski boots worked

quite well at keeping my feet dry. However the day was sunnier than expected, and — surprisingly — warm. I quickly lost my coat and wished I had more layers to remove. It reminded me of the happy warm November days just passed. Would those days come back?

"If all winter is like this," I thought, "it won't be too bad."

That's when I jinxed us all by causing Mother Nature to give me her icy middle finger.

Picture this, if you will: Wednesday, Jan 4. Another foot of snow. I was stranded at home all day, watching helplessly as the snow alley that was the path from my front door grew nearly as tall as me. The day after, Cache Valley schools were cancelled so everyone could recover from the damage (and so I could promptly get my truck stuck in my friends' parking lot).

Late that post-blizzard night, a new sensation tickled the inside of my nose. One I haven't felt in years. One that may be new to many of you. You may have guessed it: freezing nose hairs.

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# Ties made of what?

By Shelby Stoor  
STUDENT LIFE SENIOR WRITER

When it comes to working with your hands to build a new product, Cameron Cook is one Utah State University student who understands what it takes.

Cook has been working with his wife over the last year to produce a fashion accessory that is a little different — wooden neck ties.

The project began as a fundraiser for a volunteer trip to South Africa for the Cooks.

"We are planning on going to South Africa to work in a wood shop and orphanage there that helps teach kids and teenagers how to work with wood to provide a type of trade for them so they can provide for their future families," Cook said.

The program is sponsored by Busetta Wood and Craft, a non-profit company aiming to create jobs for those in rural communities with woodworking projects.

Cook found his inspiration for the project while serving a mission in California. After becoming frustrated with having to retie his tie every day, Cook had the idea to design some-

thing new that would put an end to the nonstop tie-tying.

Collette Cook, Cameron's wife, said she loves and supports the project for a few reasons of her own.

"I love being a part of this adventure," she said. "Not only do I love the idea of wooden ties and want to support Cam, but I am stoked about applying everything I learned in my business classes."

Like any other project, making the wooden ties presented many of its own challenges.

"I knew that marketing my ties would be difficult. I feel like I'm pretty introverted, but it has been awesome to get out of my comfort zone and market myself," Cameron said. "I've been working on refining my process of making the ties, which has been fun and provided a variety of challenges as well."

While Cameron works on the product and self-marketing, Collette is the person taking the reigns when it comes to the business side of the project. This includes business-financial planning, marketing and business administration, she said.

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TWEETS

of the

WEEK



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NO ONE HAS ANY "FUN FACTS" ABOUT THEMSELVES PROFESSOR, WE ALL JUST BORING COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO WANNA LEAVE EARLY ON SYLLABUS DAY



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If you can't ice skate don't leave your house today #aggiestrife



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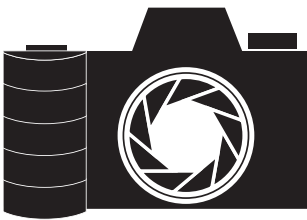
you know it's going to be a good class when day 1 gets canceled.



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Day 2. My professor is late. He's definitely got lots of things going for him...





# PHOTOGRAPHER

## SPOTLIGHT



“*I took this picture at the Grand Canyon over the break. I am proud of the layers in the mountains.*”

— **Mark Bell, Statesman Photo Editor**

### “Tipping” FROM PAGE 3

**Generosity is key**  
Always remember these two general rules: be generous, and don’t go if you can’t afford the tip. We do live in America, and it’s a large part of American culture to tip. In the words of “Adam Ruins Everything” comedian Adam Conover: “if you don’t do it, you’re an a--hole.”

Richard considers himself a bit of an authority on tipping as he worked in food service for far too long.

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### “Ties” FROM PAGE 3

In order to promote their ties, the Cooks have mainly utilized social media. This made it easier to find people around their age who are likely consumers of new products like the wooden neckties, they said. They have even connected with other business online to help continue promoting their product.

Cameron believes people and students at USU should buy his ties because of their unique design as well as the need for a tie for church. “In Utah, there are a lot of people who wear ties on a regular basis to church,” he said. “It is fun to have a tie that doesn’t look like everybody else’s.”

In addition to standing out and providing something a bit different, Cameron said his product appeals well to a generation that is big on supporting local businesses as well as global causes, both of which his business fits into.

As far as the fundraising goes, the Cooks haven’t reached their goal quite yet, but Kickstarter helped them to make a substantial dent in the fees. Kickstarter, a crowdfunding website, allows people from all over the world to donate to projects like the Cook’s ties. Now that their overall goal has

almost been reached with Kickstarter, the couple is continuing to market their product in order to raise the remainder of the money for their trip.

They said they plan to continue pursuing this project and others throughout their lives.

“We have always dreamed of owning a business, and this had turned out to be more successful than we thought,” Cameron said. “We would love to continue to introduce new products.”

Cameron said this adventure taught him a lot about running a business, collaborating with others and refining his woodworking skills. He hopes to continue learning as his business grows.

“It is important to get out of your comfort zone and reach out to other people in order to be successful,” he said.

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### “Snowpocalypse” FROM PAGE 3

It was a harbinger of things to come. On Friday, Logan officially froze over. The temperature never got above zero degrees that whole day, and school was cancelled again.

Unfortunately I had to move my truck on the day of freezing nose hairs. I put my key in the ignition and turned it. My truck made the most pathetic crank-crank-crank sound I’d ever heard. Probably not surprising for -20 degree weather.

Poor truck. This is all my fault. Snowpocalypse 2k17 continues, drowning our first week of school in freezing rain, hellish parking lots, and tears. If I know Mother Nature, I don’t expect her to stop until I’ve learned my lesson at least 10 times over. So buckle up, USU. It’s gonna be a long winter.

Joshua is a graduate student studying environmental engineering. He will be spending his time this semester furiously writing a thesis, playing Fire Emblem, and huddling under blankets.

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# Aggie hockey readies for MLK tourney

By Jason Walker  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

As the regular season winds down, the USU hockey team has one last challenge before they begin postseason.

The Aggies (13-9-1) will travel to Greeley, Colorado to compete in the Martin Luther King Showcase. Similar to the Beehive Showcase hosted by the Aggies in November, the MLK Showcase will feature five teams that will play four games in four days.

According to USU head coach Jon Eccles, the showcase is an opportunity.

“(The showcase) is going to be a good test,” he said. “That’ll really tell us where we’re sitting. Hopefully move us up in the rankings also.”

Wins over quality opponents will surely be needed if the Aggies hope to climb up in the rankings after losing to lowly BYU (7-7-2) on Saturday. Eccles said showcases like these help prepare the team for the grind of nationals, where a team could play five games in five days if they go all the way.

USU will start the weekend off against Colorado-Boulder University (5-11-0). But on Sunday, will face a familiar western foe in fifth-ranked Northern Colorado (16-6-0). UNC and Utah State have faced off twice so far this season with the Aggies defeating the Bears 10-0 and 8-3 in those contests.

Following the game against Northern Colorado, Utah State will face Colorado University (5-11-0) on Sunday and Metropolitan State University of Denver (6-10-1) on Monday.

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PHOTOS BY Abby Shemkunas  
Utah State hockey faces off against Arizona State early in the season. The Aggies travel to Colorado for the Martin Luther King Showcase this month.

## Mountain West men’s hoops round-up: back to school edition

By Logan Jones  
SPORTS CONTENT MANAGER

In a week marred by foul weather, Mountain West basketball saw fit to bless sports fans who ventured through the floods and snowdrifts with all the reckless, rampant fun of a mid-July water fight. Koby McEwen burst out of the Spectrum’s home locker room to douse UNLV with a super-soaker, San Diego State got pantsed three games ago and still can’t seem to find its swim trunks, and Nevada’s Jordan Caroline dumped a fully dressed New Mexico team in the deep end before assailing it with a pool noodle.

It was one of the most electric weeks of conference basketball in recent memory.

**Take 1: Is McEwen MW freshman of the year, or is he something...Moore?**

Aggie basketball boasts a whole squad of talented newcomers, but freshman Koby McEwen has separated himself as a special talent worthy of some end-of-season accolades — which is pretty insane to be talking about just five games into the conference schedule, but watching McEwen play is pretty insane.

McEwen unleashed the deep ball last weekend against UNLV for 24 second-half points, then promptly went and gave a postgame interview and talked about defense. Who doesn’t love that? McEwen finished the game 10-of-13 from the floor for 28 points, tying Utah State’s single-game scoring record for true freshmen held by one Jaycee Carroll.

To be blunt, leading all Mountain West freshmen in points and assists per game is probably going to get the Toronto-native the freshman of the year nod, but it’s worth noting his trajectory toward even higher potential praise. Check out the following stat lines:

Player A: 15.2 points on 49.2 percent shooting, 1.7 assists and 6.7 rebounds in 34 minutes per game.

Player B: 15.1 points on 50 percent shooting, 3.3 assists and 5 rebounds in 30.9 minutes per game.

The former would be highly decorated senior Jalen Moore’s 2014-15 season, which earned him a spot on the all-conference second team. The latter is Koby freaking McEwen as of the UNLV game. Not a bad pace for the rookie.

**Take 2: Really, New Mexico?**

The Lobos just can’t do anything right. After dropping a heartbreaker to the Aggies in Logan, New Mexico returned to WisePies Arena to drop two straight — including an overtime classic against Nevada that featured at least two distinct acts of God and one Jordan Caroline.

The Wolfpack’s 16-point comeback packed everything that elevates sports above all other forms of entertainment into 74 seconds of game clock. Horrified New Mexico fans saw their opponents’ ugly bank shot 3-pointers reach the bottom of the net six times in a row to force overtime, including a Caroline three that defied what we thought we knew about physics, probability, trigonometry and luck. The last time that many prayers were answered in one night, the Egyptians lost the bulk of their labor force. Caroline’s herculean 45-point performance culminated in a killing blow from beyond the arc with two seconds remaining in the extra period, an awesome insane ridiculous finish to a game that deserved such.

For Nevada, it was a historic win that kept the pack just below a 4-0 Boise State team in the conference standings. For the Lobos, well they lost at home to UNLV after 10-2 run from the Rebels put the game out of reach.

**Take 3: Don’t sleep on Colorado State**

It’s tough to win three of four conference games, but it’s even tougher to do it without getting talked about. For all the buzz Nevada’s rightfully earned this season, CSU is right with the Wolfpack in the MW standings behind Boise at 3-1. That includes a 74-73 loss in Boise that could’ve elevated the Rams into first place, which the Rams followed up with a road win at SJSU and smashing Air Force at home 85-58.

Forward Emmanuel Omogbo is netting 13 points per game, and coach Eustachy has the Rams buying into a gritty defensive minded approach that has CSU rebounding and playing smart basketball. Puerto Rico native Gian Clavell is averaging over 16 points per game in just eight starts to add a bulk scoring threat to an otherwise balanced offense. The Rams’ next three games should expose or promote what the Rams are really made of, with an angry New Mexico squad in town looking for someone to bully before road games at Fresno and Utah State.



PHOTO BY Kyle Todecheene  
Freshman Koby McEwen drives against Indiana State's defense earlier this season. McEwen recently tied the school record for points in a game by a true freshman with 28.

# Gymnastics

## PINK MEET

### NC State & Bowling Green

### Friday, January 13

### 7:00 PM

### Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

### First 100 fans

### receive a pink UState

### gymnastics shirt



# We need to take the men’s rights movement seriously

There, I said it.

Now before you all angrily subtweet about me, let me explain.

I understand that women still haven’t shattered the glass ceiling, but we’re getting there. Among the generations that are older than millennials, men are more likely to graduate college, hold political office, rise in the workplace, and make more money over a lifetime, etc. This lead to the rise of the feminist movement beginning in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Despite people fighting for equality for nearly a century, things still aren’t equal.

But things have changed in the last hundred years. Now instead of leaving women behind educationally, economically, and politically, we’re leaving men behind. The only difference is, feminism rose out of inequality and institutions were formed to bolster women, but no one is taking the men’s rights movement seriously.

The gender divide begins in school. In 2012, Pew found 72 percent of women high school graduates go to college, but only 62 percent of men go to college. Some attribute that gap to disciplinary problems, while others believe it’s linked with women having more economic incentives to continue their education. I predict that once those generations before us millenni-

als begin to retire and our generation works it’s way up the political and economic ladder, women will be predominantly in charge.

Culturally, men are limited in their own personal character development, which can be hazardous emotionally and physically. They’re encouraged to be stoic, macho men with no feelings. This happens because they’ve been told over and over again to “suck it up” and “don’t cry” when things get tough. But as boys grow into men, that attitude can develop dangerous characteristics. Those macho men who lack communication can be dangerous in the workplace, particularly for blue collar workers, because they’re not taught to communicate issues they run into. Those non-communicated issues can lead to dangerous situations, leading to injuries and even death.

Men are discriminated against when it comes to family parental roles. Women are seen as the primary caretakers and men are viewed as being out-of-touch with their kids. Also, regardless of parenting styles, most courts award women the custody of their children. But not all women are involved and nurturing. (In fact, there is a lawyer working to reunite babies with their fathers after the babies were adopted away by their mothers.) Men and women should have an equal chance at having custody

vof their child.

There’s also a lack of compassion for violence against men. Comparatively, there is a lack of battered men’s shelters. According to the Centers for Disease Control, “One in three women and one in four men have been victims of [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.”

Rape culture runs rampant, and men are most likely to be the perpetrators. This comes, in part, because of our attitude that “boys will be boys.” We aren’t holding our girls and boys to the same standard.

Despite claiming they’re working toward equality, feminists don’t want to pursue men’s rights because there’s a stigma against men’s rights groups. They’re laughed off as perverts who want women to submit to their sexual fantasies. (Don’t get me wrong, those groups do exist.) But those are straw man arguments — only the extreme groups who want extreme outcomes. Men’s rights and feminist groups need to get past the petty arguing to make substantial changes and actually work toward equality for men and women.

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# Letter to the editor: Cyber trash talk does no good

Recently I read a comment on one of The Utah Statesman’s social media accounts from someone criticizing the staff. Like so many complaints aired during the however-many decades the newspaper has existed, this one was valid and absolutely needed to be addressed.

But it also seemed like the author just wanted to pick a fight.

I’m pretty sure everyone realizes The Statesman is a student-run organization and made up of staffers who are not (yet) professional photographers, reporters and editors. While the proofing and vetting processes are thorough, errors will often appear on the digital and printed pages — something common even for professional news companies.

And while public outrage is an excellent way

to get the attention of writers and editors, I wonder if there isn’t a better way to get the point across.

When a newspaper receives negative publicity, it’s not just the staff that notices. Readers see those critical comments and often decide not to read the paper anymore. Advertisers see it and wonder if their ads are also received with such negativity and often end the business partnership with the newspaper. University administrators and their underlings see it and may wonder if their subsidies are being put to good use in such an unappreciated program.

All of this credibility can be — and has been — destroyed by just one comment.

I believe critical readers who spout off on social media greatly value their local newspaper.

If they didn’t, why would they take the time to take part in a cyber shouting match?

May I suggest a couple of ways to complain that might hit a little nearer the target?

From what I’ve seen, The Statesman will pretty much always welcome help on the staff. Anyone who thinks they can do a better job than the writers and editors at the paper, will very likely get a hefty scholarship just by proving it. If working your way up the ranks of the newsroom isn’t a forte or interest, that’s OK too.

But I promise, a nicely worded email or quick chat with the editors will not only get the problem fixed, but it will earn an ally in the future.

*Tavin Stucki is the former editor-in-chief of the Utah Statesman.*

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